

President Views Demonstration of Bombing, Strafing

EN ROUTE WITH EISENHOWER AT SEA—The 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt arranged to put on a demonstration of bombing, strafing and rocket firing today for President Eisenhower.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary traveling aboard the cruiser Canberra with Eisenhower, announced the demonstration had been scheduled. It will be held about 650 miles southeast of Jacksonville, Fla.

Hagerty said the carrier would be in the Jacksonville area and dispatch its planes to the Canberra's vicinity. The target arranged was a wooden spar towed about 2,000 feet astern of the destroyer Barton, which is escorting the Canberra.

Talk On Thursday

Eisenhower was steaming today toward Bermuda for talks starting Thursday with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. The Canberra left Exuma Sound in the Bahama Islands area Monday night and is due at Hamilton, Bermuda, Wednesday afternoon.

The cruise in the warm sunshine was reported to be improving the President's health.

The President sailed from Norfolk, Va., last Thursday evening on a meandering six-day voyage to Bermuda in a move to shake a persistent cough, a head cold and an ear inflammation.

From Saturday morning until last night the Canberra cruised leisurely in the quiet, sunlit waters of Exuma Bay in the Bahama Islands area. Then the warship moved around the southern tip of

Cat Island and headed to Bermuda, 850 miles northeast.

Just before the Canberra moved out of Exuma Bay last night the President told the crew he was having "a most enjoyable trip."

His informal remarks from an impromptu stage on the floodlit forecastle deck came at the end of a "happy hour" program of entertainment put on for him by the crew.

Maj. Gen. Howard Snyder, White House physician aboard the Canberra, reported to newsmen on escorting destroyers that Eisenhower was doing fine in building up his health.

Snyder said the President's ear ailment has cleared up and that he now is coughing only occasionally. A head cold from which he had suffered has about disappeared.

Eisenhower smiled broadly and waved a greeting to crew members at the rails of the destroyers Wood and Barton yesterday afternoon as he circled the ships in a 35-foot motor launch.

The President, wearing a bright red cap and a tan windbreaker, was returning to the Canberra after trolling for fish off nearby Little San Salvador Island. Eisenhower was out about two hours but had no luck. His naval aide, Capt. E. P. Aurand, landed a big barracuda.

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Sweating out the "Spring" weather. Just think about the sweltering up, and this 30-degree stuff won't